(a) whether Government have formulated any concept to provide low-cost housing to the poor/slum dwellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been proved successful;

(d) whether it is a fact that the concept is successful in Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not introducing the concept in various other States like Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY)" to provide shelter or upgrade the existing shelter for people living below the poverty line including the members of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in urban slums and to provide health and enabling urban environment through Community Toilets under "Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan", a component of the scheme, with a Government of India subsidy of 50% and the balance 50% to be arranged by the State Governments with the ceiling costs prescribed both for dwelling units and community toilets. The scheme will support construction of one lakh houses' in the current year with an allocation of Rs. 256.85 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 3.00 crore was released as Govt, of India subsidy to Rajasthan last year (2001 -02) under the scheme.

(e) The scheme is concurrently being implemented in the State of Tamil Nadu alongwith other States/ UTs.

Public park in Tyagraj Sports Complex, IN **A, New Delhi**

136. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a public park has been developed by his Ministry/CPWD near Tyagraj Sports Complex in INA Colony;

(b) if so, the reasons why it has not been opened for the public, so far; and

(c) by when it is proposed to be opened for public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The park has not been opened to the public as the development work is yet to be completed.

(c) The work will be completed in about 4 months and the park will be opened for public thereafter.

Allotment of land to organisations on concessional rate

137. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of land allocated to different organisations at the concessional rate in the institutional area in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the names of the organisations, description of the properties, amount for which transfers have been made, name of the organisations/ individual promoters and office bearers; and

(c) the salient features of the policy parameters on the basis of which such allocations have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Facilities of *Press Thadas* and sheds for *Dhobi in* Mandir Marg, New Delhi

138. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2773 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 2002 and state:

(a) the reasons for not earmarking *Press Thadas* and sheds for *Dhobi* in D Block (Type-ll), DIZ area, Mandir Marg, New Delhi;

(b) whether the NDMC propose to provide the aforesaid facilities for the sake of the residents of D-Block, Mandir Marg, New Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) The NDMC have informed that *Press Thadas* under sheds are earmarked in locality on the sites identified by Delhi Pradesh Dhobi , Mahasabha. Since, no thada/shed for *dhobi* for D-Block was identified, no *Press Thada* was made/earmarked in D-Block (Type- II), DIZ Area, Mandir Marg, New Delhi.The NDMC has no objection to extend the facility provided any site is identified by the aforesaid Delhi Pradesh Dhobi Mahasabha.